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FIRST LADY MAKES SURPRISE VISIT HERE / / / / /

CONGRESSMAN "TAKES IN" GREENBELT
WITH GROUP OF SIGHTSEERS AND
DUCKS OUT WHILE TOWN'S
NEWSHAWKS SHARPEN
PENCILS

Distinguished visitors, much inter-
ested in an improved housing program for
the nation, made a survey of Greenbelt
Saturday afternoon.

In the group were Congressman Henry
Ellenbogen (Pa.), co-author of the Wag-
ner-Allen Housing Act, and Mrs.
Henrietta Klotz, secretary to Henry Mor-
ganthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

Others in the party included Reginald
Wadsworth, principal architect of the
Greenbelt Project; W. F. Baxter, press
relations chief of the Farm Security Ad-
ministration; Herman Klotz; Miss Paula
Nassau, secretary to Congressman Ellen-
bogen; Miss Margaret Gavin, Congression-
al clerk; and Theodore Ellenbogen, bro-
ther of the Congressman.

Congressman Ellenbogen and his friends
were "piloted" around Greenbelt by O.
Kline Fulmer, and Roy S. Braden, Commu-
nity Manager. They stopped for a few min-
utes at Mr. Braden's residence, and later
called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan-
ley B. Rider.

Interest by the party was shown in
the furniture displayed in the community.
The women in the group expressed admira-
tion for the simplicity and rugged qual-
ity of the furniture which is especially
designed for Greenbelt homes.

Congressman Ellenbogen is an out-

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Praises "Neighborly Spirit" and Studies
Co-op Store Project; Finds School
Children Happily at Work;
Seeks Information On
Medical Plans

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S SYNDICATED ARTICLE
DESCRIBES LATEST PROJECTS IN TOWN

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt spent an
interesting day in Greenbelt Thursday.
She came unannounced and quietly went a-
bout the community with Dr. Will W. Alex-
ander, administrator of the Farm Secur-
ity Administration.

She delved into every project set up
in the community and compared conditions
here with what she had found on a pre-
vious visit last Spring. Working like
an experienced investigator, she didn't
rely upon guidance from anyone but went
directly to the town personnel and those
particular agencies in which she is in-
terested.

Mrs. Roosevelt called at the consumer-
owned cooperative store, where she dis-
cussed merchandising problems with Man-
ager Templeman.

Introduced to Community Manager Roy S.
Braden, and Assistant Community Manager
O. Kline Fulmer, Mrs. Roosevelt asked for
directions to the school. Making mental
notes of what she saw, the First Lady
had enough "live news" within two hours
to turn out her syndicated column "My
Day" which appears in many dailies
throughout the country.

In her column the next day, the First Lady

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spoken champion of improved housing standards in this country. It was the Wagner-Ellenbogen (low-cost housing) Act which created the U. S. Housing Authority of the Department of the Interior.

When the visitors reached the Administration building in Greenbelt, they found members of The Cooperator staff busily engaged preparing "copy" for the current number.

Four reporters of The Cooperator sharpened pencils for a lengthy interview, but the modest Congressman withdrew.

"Boys, you'll get a scoop some other day--I see you've got scads of copy there--so you better go to work on it", the genial Congressman said as he walked off with his associates. L.B.

OUR PRESENT HEALTH PROBLEM

The opportunity we have for maintaining ourselves and families in a healthy condition are unlimited, except for the troubles we might meet in warding off communicable diseases. Therefore, it seems that we should do something immediately to complete the picture from a health standpoint.

The Cooperator stands ready to publish any articles of interest in this matter. Sit down now and express your views on this situation and drop your statement in the suggestion box that is fastened to the bulletin board in the store.

From the number of inquiries of individuals and the action taken by several civic organizations it seems that definite immediate action should be taken to have a doctor come out to Greenbelt, at least two or three times a week, and render clinical service until the community has arranged for regular service.

If you do not feel capable of writing an article please call on someone who you know is capable and plead with them to enter this campaign for immediate action. Any opinion will not be used as judgment against you, so cut loose and do your best.

FIRST LADY VISITS GREENBELT

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offered this comment: "They have no street lamps as yet to relieve the darkness at night, but they tell me when all the houses are lit up it is most attractive."

Mrs. Roosevelt made inquiries about the landscaping and learned about a WPA gardener who had salvaged an enormous quantity of trees in Greenbelt and established a nursery project for the community. The gardener, she discovered, had once worked on the estates of wealthy gentlemen, in this country and abroad, but found himself out of a job, when the strong tide of depression set in.

With unfailing tact, Mrs. Roosevelt made inquiries about the local transportation problem, and pressed for detailed information regarding "cooperative medicine", or plans for community medical service, based on either a prepayment or a health insurance program.

Taking several copies of the Greenbelt Cooperator with her, Mrs. Roosevelt walked into school class-rooms, into one of the homes, (picked at random), and then smiled tolerantly when a Washington Daily News cameraman snapped pictures for an evening edition. L. B.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

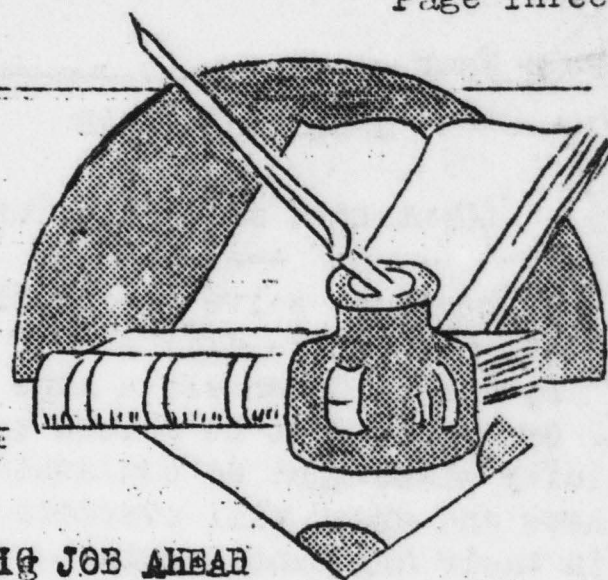
Editors, Cooperator:

In an effort to aid in the decision of the Credit Union, as to the type of charter, Federal or State, I submit these suggestions:

As Treasurer of a Credit Union, I would suggest the Federal Charter. Some may believe economy is the issue because a Federal Charter costs \$25, whereas a State Charter costs but \$10. The services rendered by the Farm Credit Administration and the excellent as well as profitable investment, makes a Federal Charter particularly advantageous in the early stages of a Credit Union, when advice and guidance is sorely needed. In brief, I would say, by all means, a Federal Charter.

A. M. Schwarz, Treasurer,
Public Welfare, Federal Credit Union.

Editorial



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1. A nonprofit enterprise.
2. Nonpartisan in politics.
3. Neutral in religious matters.
4. An open forum for civic affairs.
5. To create a "Good Neighbor" spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy" of life.

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The next meeting of The Journalistic Club will be held Thursday, December 16, at 7.30 p.m., in the Council Room.

Thereafter Club meetings will be held at the same time and place on Wednesday of each week.

A BIG JOB AHEAD

We live in a world of cause and effect. Anything that happens, happens because of something that has gone before.

So it is with Greenbelt.

Greenbelt didn't just happen. Greenbelt is the result of a deep-seated need. In the words of our President one-third of our population is ill-housed. In a land as rich as ours this is unnecessary. In a land as blessed as ours with all the bounties of nature this is inexcusable. Yet decade after decade, generation after generation, millions of our population have been living in hovels, in filth and in squalor in surroundings breeding crime and disease. Private charity tried to remedy the situation. But private charity was never able and is not now able to meet the problem.

The Federal Government had to step in. Thru the wisdom and courage of our present administration a great start has been made.

All over the country, in countless communities, one hears the constant clang and clatter of construction. Better homes are being built for a happier America.

Greenbelt is but one item in a huge plan. Yet Greenbelt is unique. For here the government has created an entirely new community.

Upon us who have been selected as the first citizens of Greenbelt rests a grave responsibility. We have been selected to live in fine homes, in beautiful surroundings. Let us not in our happiness forget our less fortunate brothers. Let us not forget that there are millions of Americans still in need of better homes. To paraphrase the words of our President; "We have only

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just begun to solve the problem".

And how can we aid?

By making Greenbelt a huge success.

Greenbelt must be raised to such a lofty plane that no exponents of selfishness and greed will ever dare point to it in their arguments against a better-housed America.

And only by cooperation, by pulling together, can we make Greenbelt the success we want it to be, the success that its sponsors want it to be.

Differences of opinion among us there will be, as there needs must be in any free, democratic community. But in all our deliberations, in all our discussions, and in all our debates let each one of us ever be guided by this thought: To what extent does my idea or proposal serve the best interests of Greenbelt-- by how much closer do we come to our goal if we act thus or thus?

If we adhere to this plan, then succeed we surely will.

S. M.

YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETING

HELD DECEMBER 10.

A meeting of the "Young Peoples' Association" was held December 10, at 16 Gardenway. Those attending were: Stanley Provost, Varina Craig, Mary Clara Bonham, Nella Berkalew, Larry Childress, Dorma Ashley, Shirley Freidman, Mary Provost, Lossie Thurston, Lynn Ashley, Nathelia Sandman, Dolores Carr, Tommy Poston, Mae O'Brien.

Officers elected for the present were: Pres., Stanley Provost; Vice Pres., Dorma Ashley; Secretary and Treasurer, Lossie Thurston.

Plans will be discussed for a weiner roast at the next meeting, which will be held at 35K Ridge Road, December 17, at 7.30 p.m.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brosmer, 33B Ridge Road, Wednesday, December 8, at George Washington Hospital. "Sonny", 4, and Billy, 2, are proud of their little sister.

FIRE DESTROYS ATTICK FARMHOUSE
NEAR NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Three Fire Companies Speed to Blaze
in Southwest Greenbelt

Three fire companies responded in an effort to check a roaring blaze which Sunday morning completely destroyed the Attick house, a few hundred yards from the New High School building in southwest Greenbelt.

Volunteer fire companies from Berwyn Heights, and Branchville, joined the Greenbelt project firemen, between 11 and 12 o'clock Sunday morning while Safety Engineer Jacobs used all available equipment in getting the fire under control.

A fairly large structure, the old farm house has not been occupied since the Greenbelt project started more than two years ago.

Information supplied by Allen Thrift of the Branchville Volunteer company indicated that a small shed and water tower and a nearby derrick, containing a considerable amount of gasoline, had been saved. Lt. Roy Longanecker was in charge of the Branchville Company.

Cooperatives are concerned with value as much as with price.

Dr. and Mrs. Tipton and son of Bay Shore, Long Island are visiting Mrs. Lydalu Palmer and mother of 1A Eastway. Mrs. Tipton will remain for several weeks, while Dr. Tipton will return home after a few days.

THE OPEN FORUM

In the December 8 issue of our paper Mr. N.H. Schein states: "Pending the establishment of the Greenbelt Civic Forum it will be our avowed purpose in these columns to serve as a clearing-house for the varied opinions enter-

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THE OPEN FORUM

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tained by the members of this community".

Does Mr. Schein mean to imply by this that the hoped-for Greenbelt Civic Forum will be nothing more than a clearing house for opinions? Opinions, mere opinions, unless they are based on broad understanding or real knowledge cannot mean very much.

To me an open forum is something more than just a clearing house for opinions, however varied they might be. An open forum in Greenbelt should be a place where we citizens should go to deepen our knowledge, broaden our views, stimulate our interests.

Such a forum, it seems to me, should be the concern of the educational committee of our Citizens Association.

The sooner such a forum is established here the better. The education committee should get down to brass tacks and act at once. If they don't, then pretty soon all sorts of activities not nearly so important as an open forum (the perhaps more entertaining) will spring up here and draw to themselves the potential audiences that open forums need to thrive on.

The Greenbelt Civic Forum, as I envision it, will bring to us speakers who are specialists in their respective fields. Once a week or so, we will be given an opportunity to hear an authority on some interesting topic dealing with, say, economics, sociology, or world affairs. In this way we will escape the danger of becoming too provincial, too small-townish. Nor must we permit ourselves to become smug, self-satisfied Main-streetish, country gentlemen.

We must be an educated, enlightened citizenry, alert to every new problem that might confront us.

The Greenbelt Civic Forum will be our "school for better citizenry".

Samuel Maryn.

The staff of The Cooperator wishes to express their WHOLEHEARTED appreciation to Billy Schoeb and Werner Stienhle for their fine work in delivering this paper. Thanks a lot, boys, until better payed.

P.S.C.

CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION DANCE

TONIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS FUND

Adopts By-Laws and Names Lewis Stevens
Corresponding Secretary; Scouts
Get Committee Behind Their
Greenbelt Program.

The Greenbelt Citizens' Association met in the Community Center Monday, December 6, and adopted its by-laws. Mr. Lewis Stevens was unanimously elected corresponding secretary, increasing the executive committee to eleven members.

Mr. Stanley B. Rider, president of the Association, presided. He announced that the dance committee would arrange for a community dance December 15, and for a New Year's celebration.

This committee planned our first dance which cleared \$6.00 for the entertainment fund. Johnny Graham's band, which played for the first dance, has donated its services for the dance to be held December 15, the proceeds of which will be used for the children's Christmas party. Members of the dance committee are: James Dunaway, chairman; Mrs. Brenon, Mrs. Thornhill, Messrs. Panagoulis, Bauer, Graham, and Pittman.

It was decided that the president appoint a committee to survey the transportation problem, and an advisory committee to work with the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

The Deputy Scout Commissioner of Prince Georges County gave an informative talk on the scout movement. A committee will be appointed to lay plans for a scout troop.

GREENBELT HIGH SCHOOL VICTORIOUS
IN FIRST BASKETBALL GAME

With a squad composed of only eight boys, Greenbelt High School made its debut in Interscholastic Basketball Thursday afternoon by defeating Bladensburg High by a score of 31 to 14.

Clever, fast passing and accurate shooting distinguished the play of the Greenbelters.

Nice work, boys, keep it up.

C. J. C.

The first successful cooperatives were formed in Great Britain.

PINWORM INFESTS LARGE POPULATION AREA RESEARCH EXPERT RELIEVES ACCORDING TO
LATEST STUDIES

In a communication received from the Division of Zoology, National Institute of Health, Washington, D.C., information is revealed in regard to the prevalence of pinworm infestation and its control measures.

While the information is the result of a private inquiry by a Washington resident, it appears to be of such importance and interest, we believe portions of the letter are worth quoting:

"There are being sent to you all the available reprints of our work on this subject to date", writes Maurice C. Hall, Chief of the Division of Zoology.

"Among the groups we have investigated so far, approximately 2,000 persons, mostly in a low social-economic status who come to us through a free clinic which we maintain at Providence Hospital, and through boys' clubs and institutions, the incidence in our Washington population is about 30 percent.

"This is not based on a representative sample of the population, and although we find cases in persons of high social, economic, and cultural status, we do not have enough of a sample to estimate the incidence in such groups.

"The incidence for the United States, as a whole, is unknown as the only studies ever made by any suitable technique are ours and a study of a few hundred insane patients a few years ago in Illinois. In all probability, 20 percent of the population of the country is infested, and the figure is as likely to be higher as it is to be lower.

"As regards control measures, a paper on a new therapy is being read by a member of our staff at New Orleans this week (after Dec. 3), and this therapy is the most effective form of control known to us at present.

"It will be some time before this paper will appear in print, but if you are interested in it the staff member in charge of the work will be glad to furnish you information after his return", Chief Division Zoologist Hall writes.

L. B.

CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

Stanley B. Rider, president of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association, announces the following appointments of chairmen of executive committees, which have been approved by the executive officers:

Legislative - Glendon Allred; Education - Nathan Schein; Recreation - Harold Alderton; Town Administration - Don Wagstaff; Social Welfare - Ruth Hayes; Membership - Edward Thornhill.

There were also appointed the following special committees: Transportation; Mr. Porter, chairman, Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Strickler, Mr. Stidham, Mr. Benefiel; Boy Scout Troop; Messrs. Alderton, Nanna, Schein, Schoeb, and Steinhle.

Advisory Committee on Cooperatives; Mr. Carroll, chairman, Messrs. Berkalew, Custer, Nance, and Schwarz, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Falls, Mrs. Maryn, Mrs. Newton, and Mrs. Reamy.

The members of the Boy Scout Troop Committee will elect their own chairman. Applicants for the position of Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster are asked to submit their applications to any of the committeemen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All organizations or persons desiring to publish notices of meetings in The Cooperator should get in touch with Mrs. Fannie Schein, 39D Ridge Road, who will conduct the Calendar of Events section of this paper.

Monday night is the deadline for these notices. Therefore, kindly cooperate with Mrs. Schein by turning them in to her prior to this time.

WORDEN ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Edson G. Worden, accountant with the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., has accepted a position with the Pulp Sales Corporation, New York, as chief accountant.

Mr. Worden, whose home is at Forest Hills, New York, is a graduate of Columbia College.

Only one person lives in the village of Skiddaw in Cumberland, England.

TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES WELL UNDER WAY

The Greenbelt Council's Committee on Transportation has started the ball rolling toward establishing definite transportation for this town. Through the efforts of this committee the Farm Security Administration has reopened negotiations with transit companies to furnish transportation under contract. This committee has also been assured that the cooperative aspect of transportation for Greenbelt will be studied by the F.S.A.

R. P.

WILDE JOINS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Volunteer Singer Comes from New England Conservatory of Music

Fred L. Wilde, once a student of the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, is one of the latest volunteer singers here with the Community Church Choir.

Employed in the Division of Animal Husbandry at Beltsville, Md., Mr. Wilde continues his interest in vocal music and has won widespread appreciation among music lovers of this region.

Coming here from Astoria, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Wilde and their 12-year old daughter, Janet, live at 2A Northway,

RADIO RECEPTION

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Don't forget to submit your report on radio reception or lack of it in your home. Helpful comments have already been made, and we hope to hear from everyone. Remember that improvement in radio reception depends upon the Greenbelt password--cooperation. Drop your note in The Cooperator Box at the Food Store.

A. A. D.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? I. O. Dyne is a druggist in Flat Rock, Ky.; The Beer Bros. sell dry goods in New York City; there is a Flatt Tire Co. in Evanston, Ill.; Sherlock Holmes is a detective of the Ralph Ave. Police Station, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Santa Claus lives in Slator, Mo.; Orange County, N. Y., once had a district attorney named Lemon. H. G. R.



Mrs. Greenbelt



STAFF

Ruth Hayes
Annette Coff
Shiela Cone

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Isabelle McAchren

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Fannie Schein

EDITORIAL

It has been very discouraging to us to note the small percentage of women attending the town meetings. We realize that in most families one of the parents, most often the mother, must remain at home with the children. However, there have been and will be measures introduced which are of vital interest to the women in the community.

We as women have no representative on the Council, and only one officer in the Citizens' Association. In other words, at least half of the population has no representative through whom its opinion can be voiced.

Is there any remedy to this situation? We would like to suggest that some sort of general women's organization be formed to include the various interest groups. When important issues arise a vote could be taken and the opinion of the women could then be voiced as a whole without individual attendance.

In this way interest in civic affairs can be encouraged, and the women's opinion given weight.

R. G. H.

SOCIETY

We welcome to Greenbelt, Miss Ollie E. Hoffman, who plans to stay in our community for a period of two months, for the purpose of acquainting us with cooperative principles and assisting our school in its program of cooperative education.

Miss Hoffman, a former high school teacher has just completed a course at the Cooperative League Institute in New York City and was assigned to do her field work with the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

Due to her studies at the Universities of Nebraska, Washington, and California in the field of Sociology, Miss Hoffman is especially well equipped to advise us on our community problems.

A birthday party was given Frank Bauer on his ninth birthday, December 3, at his home, 1J Gardenway, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bauer. A large group of Frank's friends together with their parents helped to celebrate this occasion.

Mrs. Chas. Sandman's mother, Mrs. Emma Russ, her sister Mrs. C. S. Miller and son Raymond, and two friends, Mrs. Henry Miller and Miss Helena Wagner, were visiting from Pittsburgh last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleisher of 6C Hillside Road invited a few of their friends to meet Miss Ollie Hoffman on the evening of December 9. Mr. Fleisher, an accomplished musician treated the guests to several pieces on his parlor organ.

I. M.

MOTHERS DISCUSS KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY SCHOOL

At the second meeting of Greenbelt mothers held last Wednesday evening, definite plans for the establishment of both a Kindergarten and Nursery School were discussed:

It was reported that a complete survey of Greenbelt had been made for the purpose of determining the number of persons who wished to enter their children in either of the two groups. Although a summary of their findings had not been made, both Mrs. McAchren and Mrs. Ritchie, committee chairman, advised that a large number of mothers were interested. The majority of mothers interviewed felt that fifty cents a week was as much as they could afford.

Mrs. East and Mrs. R. D. Hayes both gave reports on the program and the finances of a kindergarten and nursery school. All of the mothers felt that the cost of engaging trained personnel outside of the community would be prohibitive. In answer to this problem both Mrs. East and Mrs. Hayes agreed to render their services at the price of fifty cents per child.

It was suggested that since there might be several members of the community who had had either kindergarten or nursery school training that they be urged to submit their applications. Mrs. Murray, chairman of the meeting, appointed a committee of Mrs. Pittman, chairman, Mrs. Benefiel, Mrs. Fulmer, Mrs. McAchren, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Ritchie to obtain teachers for the two groups, raise funds for initial equipment and negotiate with the Administration for housing facilities.

It was decided that as soon as definite arrangements could be made that the committee would send out registration blanks for all children wishing to enroll.

At the present time, it is found that there are approximately 23 kindergarten children (ages 4 and 5) and 46 nursery school children (ages 2 to 4), whose parents are willing to pay a nominal fee for their training.

BALANCING THE BUDGET

In the past issues, the "Coöperator" has paid tribute to Greenbelt and its planners. We have all agreed that this scientifically planned community is an ideal place in which to live. In moving to Greenbelt, we have been able to reduce our rent expenditure to an amount more commensurate with our incomes. That, to be sure, is a great help. But, many of us, especially those with larger families, and in the lower income brackets, still have to "balance the budget".

This column proposes to conduct a series of articles dealing with budgets, the planning of economical meals, wise buying, food values, and in general information that will help us obtain the greatest value from every dollar spent and every item purchased.

In order to purchase wisely and get full value, the housewife must remember several important things:

1. Price is not a guide to quality.
2. Labels and statements made in advertisements are often misleading.
3. Size of package is not always an indication of the weight content.

In other words, an unadvertised product packed in a smaller container may have just as many ounces of food as the larger highly advertised but half empty package. Be sure to read the WEIGHT content on the package. DON'T BE MISLED BY SIZE. Always read the labels on items you wish to purchase. If any statement is not clear (as is often the case) ask the grocery clerk to explain it to you. You should know everything there is to know about the item you are buying. INTELLIGENT BUYING is ECONOMICAL BUYING.

Bertha Maryn

Anyone wishing to subscribe to the Parent's Magazine for 1938 may send their subscriptions of \$1.00 through Mrs. Benefiel, 60B Crescent Road.

Please see Mrs. Benefiel by Dec. 16 if you wish to receive the January number.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Whenever you see a group of women conversing you can make a pretty good guess that someone in the group will say "I wish I knew what to do about my curtains". Several women have carried out excellent ideas in window treatment which we would like to call to your attention.

CURTAINS

For her three-room apartment, Mrs. Thornhill of 60H Crescent Road has very cleverly combined rose and cream curtains which blend well with the two tone walls in her living room. Two pairs of curtains are used for one window, the outer panels of rose and the inner panels of cream.

Mrs. Falls of 2H Eastway has tailored marquisette in her three-room apartment. To the top screen hooks she has attached an iron scrolled bracket which holds three glass bulbs containing ivy. This arrangement makes a very attractive window both on the inside and outside.

Red and white is the color scheme in Mrs. Pittman's kitchen. Her curtains are white with a red dot. At each end and in the center of the curtain rod are fastened tomato pin cushions. From the cord on the window shade dangles a small red and white tea kettle. A red flower pot on the window sill completes the picture.

DRAIN BOARD KEPT LIKE NEW

If that nice shiny drain board in your kitchen is becoming white and ugly from the water left from dishes, and other stains, you might remedy it by allowing your board to dry out for a day, then apply a coat of clear varnish.

Those light window sills can be kept clean and bright by applying wax and polishing.

If you want to save time cook your breakfast cereal the night before and

warm it up in the morning.

In an emergency, if electricity is turned off (while repairs are being made), it would be well for mothers to have "canned" Sterno for heating baby's food.

M. R.

RECIPES

This week Mrs. Ed Thornhill has given us Mr. Thornhill's favorite recipe. A real "down South" corn meal muffin.

Corn Meal Muffins

1 C Corn meal	2½ t Baking Powder
1 t Salt	1 Egg
1 t Sugar	Milk
3 t Melted Shortening	

Sift dry ingredients together. Beat egg in measuring cup. Fill remainder with milk, making 1 cup of egg-milk mixture. Add shortening. Pour into greased muffin tins and bake at 400 degrees F. until brown.

GREENBELT FOSTERS RENEWALS OF LONG STANDING FRIENDSHIPS

With all of the investigations, etc., involved in joining the ranks of Greenbelt citizenry, it is almost a coincidence that we have among our midst some close friends and family relations.

Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. Graham are all North Carolinians, and friends of long standing.

Mr. Coff and Mr. Fleisher met again after their wives had arranged a social evening unknown to them. Under protest the men did meet only to renew a boyhood friendship of some seventeen years past.

Mrs. Dickerman and Mrs. Sawyer are sisters, and Mrs. Grable and Mrs. Weitsman are twins.

There must be many more renewals of friendships among us. If you know of such instances, please do drop the Cooperator a line and tell us all the details.

SWAP

J. W. Taylor, 1A Northway, has two iron beds, one with coil spring and one with flat spring, and a good baby bassinette with kapoc mattress, for trade.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR PAYS A FRIENDLY VISIT

The door opened and with extended hand there she was, the First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

We shook hands. I saw a tall, smiling, auburn haired lady whose dynamic energy quickened the pulse of everyone

"These chairs are so comfortable", she said of the light gum wood easy chair on which she was seated.

We spoke of the light gum wood and maple furniture which my husband and I are buying through the Government.

Then later, in the kitchen, she remarked, "I think you were wise to choose one large room, for you have spaciousness and a screen can hide the kitchen unit." Mrs. Roosevelt chuckled, "You see I was a housewife, too, and I still like kitchens".

Upstairs, the windows brought forth the commendation, "You have light, air, and wonderful views from each one".

"This is what I wanted to see -- one of these houses being used, being lived in -- not a display house".

As she was leaving, Mrs. Roosevelt inquired, "You have Indian rugs?"

Upon being told that we had brought them with us from our home in Arizona, this agile-minded stateswoman recalled a mutual Arizona friend and left us with the feeling that she, whom we had admired at a distance was now a personal friend.

Dr. Will W. Alexander accompanied Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, and Mr. Roy S. Braden and Mr. Kline Fulmer escorted them over town. Dr. Alexander expressed great interest in the Greenbelt Cooperator, learning for the first time that Greenbelt had a newspaper.

Dorothy W. Rider

WE DON'T KNOW -----
WE'VE ONLY HEARD -----
BUT 'TIS SAID -----

There has been serious consideration by the now impatient patient housewives to petition George (Casanova) Panagoulis in his official capacity as Greenbelt No. 1 G-man to catch Mr. Maybe who is becoming as illusive as his furniture deliveries.

Boys will be boys, but that is no sign that Clifton Cockill can take it. A few games of basketball with his youthful companions almost convinced him that he "aint so young as he used to be".

If the flare for organizing continues at its present rate of speed, it may be in order for the Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting an individual from attending more than two meetings an evening in order to preserve the sanctity (and sanity) of the Greenbelt home.

S. D. C.

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY

The Kindergarten and Nursery School needs your help. If you have had training in this work, please submit a written report of your experience to Mrs. Alice Pittman of 62A Crescent Road so that the committee may be able to choose the teachers wisely.

FLEISHER OFFERS SERVICES

Due to the fact that our First Aid Station is only open during the daytime, Mr. Harry Fleisher, of 6C Hillside Rd., has volunteered his services in case of accident. Mr. Fleisher, a graduate chemist, has taken a complete course in First Aid and will be glad to help out in this way in an emergency. His phone is Greenbelt 4866, and he can be reached any time after 6.00 o'clock p.m.

The shortest war ever fought was between England and the Sultan of Zanzibar. It lasted only 30 minutes!

Cooperative organizations exist in no less than 43 countries and have a membership of approximately 139,000,000.

CONSUMERS DEMAND KNOWLEDGE TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED

AAA Counsel Answers Question Regarding Objectives of Buyers

Inasmuch as all members of this community have modest incomes, it behooves each of us to buy wisely, thereby raising our standards of living. It is the purpose of this column to set forth information which it is hoped will be of value to all consumers in Greenbelt.

One of the chief objectives of consumer cooperatives is to make available accurate and reliable information regarding it's products. In this respect it differs materially from some types of private enterprise.

Mr. Donald Montgomery, Consumers' Counsel of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (an important governmental agency for the protection of consumers), stated the following in a speech on November 17, 1936:

What is it that consumers want to know? They want to know the quality of goods that are offered for sale, and they want to know what are fair prices for those goods and what higher or lower prices they should pay for higher or lower quality if they are to get their money's worth. In addition they want to understand how laws, regulations, and trade practices affect the supply of goods to consumer markets and, when prices are fixed, who fixes them and on what basis. And they want to know how the goods they buy may be utilized in order to yield the maximum in service and satisfaction.

Consumers' Guide, issued every two weeks by the Consumers' Counsel, AAA, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. is available to any Greenbelt consumer. Request that your name be put on the mailing list for this valuable publication; There is no charge for these bulletins.

WHY GET DISCOURAGED? Einstein once flunked Mathematics; Lawrence Tibbett failed to make his high school glee club; Rudyard Kipling was fired from a San Francisco newspaper "because he couldn't write"; and Charlie Chaplin once entered a Charlie Chaplin imitation contest in cognito and only got third prize.

GREENBELT'S "MADAME SECRETARY"

Most of the citizens of Greenbelt know Mrs. Mildred Stevens in her capacity as secretary to Mr. Braden. Her ability and inexhaustible good nature (doesn't Mr. Stevens agree?) have helped to smoot out many an obstacle, and make the newcomer feel at home immediately.

When Greenbelt was only the pleasant dream of its originators, Mrs. Stevens became private secretary to Wallace Richards, then Executive Office of the Greenbelt project. She worked under Mr. Richards for three years, helping to shape Greenbelt into the community in which we live today.

In May, 1936, Roy S. Braden was appointed Community Manager and shared offices with Mr. Richards. When the latter left the Resettlement Administration to enter private business, Mrs. Stevens became Mr. Braden's secretary.

Mrs. Stevens is one of our neighbors and of course thinks Greenbelt is "The Town". Her husband is an architect, and their favorite hobby is -- designing furniture. Mrs. Stevens thinks a career is a lot of fun, but wants to forget all about an office some day, and devote her time to keeping house and raising a family. They expect, in the vague future, to draw plans and build a home of their own, with furniture of their own design. We hope that this home will not be far from Greenbelt.

D. H.

SAVE YOUR COPY OF THE COOPERATOR

As this community grows, the new residents will undoubtedly ask for back issues of The Cooperator. They will want to know what has gone on before.

Due to the expense, we can not print enough copies of the first few issues to supply all 885 families with a copy. The Journalistic Club, therefore requests that each of you now getting the paper save your copies so that our new neighbors can look them over.

In 1936 the cooperatives in our country did business amounting to half a billion dollars.

MABEE WE WILL GET OUR FURNITURE

Mr. Wallace F. Mabee comes from Eastport, Maine, which is the easternmost city in the U. S. For three years before coming to Greenbelt, Mr. and Mrs. Mabee made their home at Augusta, Maine, where Mrs. Mabee will continue to reside until the first of the year.

Mabee attended school at Eastport and also at Waltham, Mass.; where he took a course in horology (watch making and jewelry engraving to you). Upon completion of this course he spent twelve years in the jewelry business for himself at Eastport. Mr. Mabee was also the mayor of Eastport and served two terms as alderman.

Mabee was State Director of the NRA in Maine and in the fall of 1936 he was candidate for Congressman. Although he was not elected he received the highest vote ever cast for a Democrat in Maine. As a matter of fact, he received 2,000 votes more than was necessary to elect a previous Congressman.

Coming to Greenbelt in April, 1937 to act as assistant to Mr. Braden, Mabee found he could be useful by lending a hand here and there. He soon found himself in charge of the furniture division here, but it appears he has been sort of a fall guy for everyone who is singing the housewives' theme song, "When are we gonna get our furniture?" The furniture is starting to come in now and it will not be long before we shall look back and realize what a tremendous task he has faced. Mrs. Mabee visited Greenbelt Thanksgiving Day and is planning to move into Greenbelt about the first of the year.

G. W. B.

DEFINITIONS

Egotist: A guy who believes in an "I" for an "I".

Easy Job: Giving away samples in Scotland.

Ignorance: Going to a bone specialist to learn how to shoot crap.

Irony: Calling some stock "securities".

Band Leader: A guy who always faces the music.

Contortionist: A man who leads a crooked life.

H. G. R.

THE POET'S CORNER

The hobby-poet would find it well not to overlook the opportunities for poetry inherent in romance. All the world loves a lover" and if his outpourings are not especially well put, he will be forgiven if only for the motivating force that makes him pour.

Besides, it is sure to elicit an appreciative response -- at least from the one to whom the poem is written.

It's really not very difficult. If your thoughts turn to things romantic, put them down on paper and let the ends of the lines rhyme. It won't be long before your efforts will surprise you and you might find yourself saying:

Whence come these stranger words that
sing of thee?

They're not of me, for I've no poet's
tongue

That sings at sight of bird or ancient
tree.

I know the stars as stars not diamonds
strung

Across dark throat of night. If
fairies dwell

Within yon glade I'm blind for I see
naught.

Then why these words and poet's thoughts,
pray tell;

These songs of thee that bubble forth
unsought.

Methinks my thoughts need but to dwell
on thee,

And some strange music swells within
my breast,

And from these untaught lips a song
bursts free,

A hymn unto the love with which we're
blest.

I press a dream of thee against my
heart,

And in that union is my poem's start.

L. B. Sawyer

DEFINITIONS

Pharmacist: A person who does work on a small scale.

Gossip: A woman who would rather spread the dirt than sweep it.

A "LITTLE" STORY TODAY ABOUT A BIG CO-OP MAN

We do not feel that Henry Little needs much introduction to the community, as most of us - even after a very few days in Greenbelt - have met our tall blonde, curly haired Co-op friend who greets all inquiries important or trivial with never-failing courtesy and cheerfulness.

Mr. Little is a native of Vermont. After finishing high school, he attended the state university for one year.

In 1936 he left this country to spend one year in Europe to study the Co-operative system. He resided in England for six months studying at the School of British Cooperative Union at Manchester.

In the spring of the same year, Mr. Little and his wife bicycled through England, Scotland and Wales and then went to Denmark and Sweden. From there they went on to Belgium, Holland and France, touring the countryside via bicycle and visiting the big cities of each country.

In August, 1937 the Littles returned to this country. He took up work in his home state in the organization of Farm Cooperatives.

On October 15, 1937, Mr. Little joined forces with the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., and is now a full-fledged Greenbeltian.

Mrs. Little is a native of Canada, and the couple have a mutual hobby in pursuing interests in the literary field.

THEATRE GROUP TO ORGANIZE

Everyone interested in the formation of a civic theatre group is invited to attend a meeting to be held on Thursday, January sixth. Mrs. Theodora Murray, at the suggestion of several citizens who are anxious to see the organization of such a group, has consented to take the responsibility of calling this first meeting. Work in connection with theatrical production is varied and many types of talent can be put to use. Watch for more detailed notice.

The COOPERATOR STAFF desires to express appreciation for temporary office facilities and other courtesies which have aided news reporters.

U. S. GRADED MEAT EXHIBITION HERE

Will be sold in
Greenbelt Store

It was announced at a meeting with the Consumer Services, Inc., Sunday, December 5, that Greenbelt Consumers will carry a line of U. S. graded and stamped meat.

Herbert E. Evans, Vice President, stated that a demonstration will be held in cooperation with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The display will be a feature in the opening of the new store, and will be announced in the near future.

B. F. McCarthy, In Charge, Meat Grading Service, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, promises an interesting exhibit.

A FEW GREENBELT "FIRSTS"

First "Town Manager" form of government in Maryland.

First Community Manager: Roy S. Braden.

First Co-op Store Manager: R. M. Templeman.

First Gas Station Manager: James Dunaway.

First Party: Hallowe'en celebration, October 30, 1937.

First Thanksgiving Day celebration: November 25, 1937.

First Greenbelt Postmaster: George Bryant.

First five Councilmen: (You know 'em by now).

First President of Greenbelt Citizens' Association: Stanley B. Rider.

First woman to cast a ballot in first election: Mrs. F. White.

First man to cast a ballot in first election: James W. Burke.

First baby: Sonya Fulmer.

First bachelor to announce matrimonial intentions: Robert E. Jacobsen.

First news weekly: Greenbelt Cooperator.

First town in United States to have a charter granted it before the town had a settled population.

First car owner to get a front fender badly bent: George Bamberger.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Words of Greeting from A
Distinguished Leader

CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
North Kansas City, Missouri

Editors, Cooperator:

Through the kindness of Herbert E. Evans, Vol. 1, No. 1 of Greenbelt Cooperator has just come to my desk. I like it. Under your guidance I am sure it will grow in size and service until one of these days it will come to my desk in printed form. What cement is to a brick structure, a live, well-edited newspaper is to a community, more especially if the community owns it.

Bruce Barton, a new member of Congress from New York City, has said a lot of things with which I cannot agree; but he said one thing a few years back in a talk to advertising men, with which I concur heartily. I quote:

"While I have been speaking to you this afternoon, some 10,000 men and women have died. The knowledge they had of your products or services or both, died with them. They will be succeeded by young men and women who may never have heard of you. If you expect to attract their attention and win and hold them as patrons, you'd better keep on telling your story. You're talking to a parade, not a congregation".

You have, in the Greenbelt Cooperator, the vehicle for telling your story. I hope you tell it often. Yours is a great trust, a great responsibility. May I wish you every success in the undertaking.

Sincerely,

(Sgd.) Howard A. Cowden
President

December 9, 1937.

GREENBELT RAMBLER

Many a lawyer refuses a case because it isn't fee-sible.

A deaf mute is always ready to take a hand in the conversation.

Our gal thinks a track suit is a legal battle between two railroads.

The most important part of a budget is the get.

Henry G. Rask
(Visitor-For-a-Day).

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GREENBELT

Population Data

1. What was the adult population as of December 1, 1937?

Ans. 478.

2. How many children now in Greenbelt?

Ans. 364.

3. How many children of school age?

Ans. Grade school, 106 (6 to 12)

High school, 41 (13 to 18)

Total 147

4. How many under school age?

Ans. 217.

5. What was the total population of Greenbelt as of December 1, 1937?

Ans. 842 (Estimated population for 885 units is 2,923).

6. How is the present population distributed?

Ans.	Block D	Block E	Block F
Adults	234	197	47
Children	171	152	41
Total	405	349	88

Send your questions to The Cooperator.
Velma Brewer.

A SPORTS WRITER'S DREAM

Greenbelt University Upsets
Intersectional Rival

With a display of razzle dazzle that had everyone of the 20,000 spectators in a frenzy throughout the entire game, the stalwart warriors of Greenbelt U pried off the lid of its 1958 football season with a sparkling victory over their traditional rival Greendale Tech to the tune of 21-17. Brilliant passing and hard running marked the play of both teams.

Receiving the opening kickoff on his 5-yard line Smith, elusive Greenbelt back, squirmed and twisted his way 95 yards to a touchdown. Donald Greene booted the extra point, and the Belters were out in front 7 to 0 in the first minute of play. Neither team scored in the first period although Greendale had the ball in the territory of the Green and Gold on two occasions. Late in the second quarter Greendale, after a series of short passes, tied up the score and went into the lead shortly after when Naumer kicked a beautiful

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SPORTS WRITER'S DREAM

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field goal from his own 47-yard line.

There was no further scoring until the final quarter when Greenbelt marched 80 yards to a touchdown. The conversion was registered on a fake kick which resulted in a pass, Brennan to Hayes. Midway in the final period McBride intercepted one of Pittman's tosses in midfield, and behind quickly formed interference, easily negotiated the remaining distance to the payoff stripe. The conversion was good and the Greendalers were once more in the fore by a count of 17-14 with only seconds left to play.

Greendale kicked to Emery who was downed on his 15-yard marker.

With time for one more play, Pittman faded back to his goal line and heaved a sensational pass to Haley who was streaking down the sidelines. As the safety man was closing in on him he lateralled to Brennan who went over for a touchdown. Greene's try for the conversion was good, as the gun sounded ending one of the most thrilling contests in the history of Greenbelt.

Line-upGreenbeltGreendale

Mike Hayes	.....L.E.	.....Gosic
Donald Greene	.....L.T.	.....Jones
Dave Bessemer	.....L.G.	.....LaFollette
Michael Cockill	...C.	.....Lund
Bill Graham	.....R.G.	.....Kintzing
Jerry Cowle	.....R.T.	.....Svenson
Ed. Haley	.....R.E.	.....Theisen
Jimmy Brennan	.....Q.B.	.....McBride
James Smith	.....L.H.B.	.....Olson
Lee Emery	.....R.H.B.	.....Goshen
Patrick Pittman	...F.B.	.....Naumer

Officials: Referee - Pantagoulas
 Umpire - Shoeb
 Field Judge - Thornhill
 Head Linesman - Little

TAKE STEPS SLOWLY SAYS
TOWN PLANNING EXPERT

Wallace Richards Declares Greenbelt
 Citizens May Safeguard Themselves
 By Careful Deliberation

Commenting informally on the scope and value of a weekly newspaper in this town, Wallace Richards, former executive officer in charge of the Greenbelt project, said on a recent visit here:

"You can do a great deal in strengthening your editorials, and you can develop a sound policy in that respect," Richards said.

"In regard to organizations, in a new community of this sort, where less than a third of your ultimate total population has taken up residence, it seems to me, very wise indeed, in going rather slowly, and thereby preventing community sentiment from becoming suddenly crystalized on fundamental issues", the Greenbelt planning expert said.

"After all, the people who come later, should have an opportunity to voice their opinions and play a part in the formulation of a community program", he declared.

Richards is now secretary of the Municipal Planning Association of Pittsburgh.

Incorporated in the original plans for Greenbelt are many major developments which will, from time to time be brought to public attention, Richards said. These will give additional services and advantages to Greenbelt which town planning authorities regard as vital to the community in the future. Details of these projects will be made known when a large proportion of the houses are accupied in Greenbelt.

L. B.

There are more than 2,000,000 members in cooperatives in our country.

EXTRA!! EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, FOLKS

OUR PERIOD OF WATCHFUL WAITING COMES TO A
CLOSE TODAY, AS GREENBELT CONSUMER SERVICES MOVE INTO THE
NEW FOOD STORE AND OPEN THE DOORS FOR BUSINESS.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP OF EMPLOYEES AND
VOLUNTEERS LABORED LATE INTO THE HOURS OF LAST NIGHT, PRE-
PARING THE STORE AND ARRANGING THE MERCHANDISE FOR A PAY-
DAY RUSH OF BUSINESS.

THE GROCERY AND VEGETABLE DEPARTMENTS ARE
READY AND FULLY STOCKED FOR CUSTOMERS TODAY. THE MEAT DE-
PARTMENT WILL BE FULLY OPENED THURSDAY.

THE SUPER FOOD MARKET WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY
TODAY AND WILL WELCOME ALL RESIDENTS INTO THE "NEW HOME OF
MILK AND HONEY." A FORMAL OPENING OF THE STORE IS SET FOR
EIGHT O'CLOCK TONIGHT. EVERYONE IS INVITED. THERE WILL BE
ICE CREAM FOR THE KIDDIES.

GREENBELT NEED NO LONGER MAKE APOLOGIES FOR
THE GROCERY STORE. THE NEW GREENBELT FOOD STORE WHICH YOU
WILL SEE TODAY IS ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE COUNTRY.